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IMPORT OF WHEAT AND RICE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to import rice and wheat to overcome the decline in the shortage of these commodities;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years; and

(c) the steps being taken to enhance production of the said commodities and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a&b) No, Madam. There is no proposal for import of rice and wheat from foreign countries for the Central Pool.

(c) The Government is implementing a number of Centrally Sponsored Schemes for increasing production of agricultural products including rice and wheat. The Schemes include National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Micro Management of Agriculture Scheme (MMAS), etc. As a result of Government's initiatives, the production of rice and wheat has increased from 96.69 million tonnes and 78.57 million tonnes respectively in 2007-2008 to 99.18 million tonnes and 80.68 million tonnes respectively in 2008-2009.